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TO AMEMBASSY OTTAWA PRIORITY  
AMCONSUL WINNIPEG

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SUBJECT: POPLAR RIVER BOARD OF INQUIRY

1. ON MARCH 14, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY VINE CALLED IN CANADIAN EMBASSY MINISTER TURNER AND DELIVERED A NOTE EXPRESSING CONTINUED US CONCERN REGARDING THE TRANSBOUNDARY IMPACTS OF THE POPLAR RIVER GENERATING STATION. (COPIES OF THE NOTE, AS DELIVERED, ARE BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY AND TO CONGEN WINNIPEG.)

2. VINE ASKED TURNER TO HAVE GOC ENTER THIS NOTE INTO THE PUBLIC RECORD OF THE POPLAR RIVER BOARD OF INQUIRY WHICH WILL MEET IN CORONACH MARCH 28-30. THIS MAY BE DONE EITHER BY HAVING THE NOTE READ ALOUD AT THE CORONACH HEARING OR BY WRITTEN SUBMISSION. USG PLANS NO OTHER TESTIMONY AT THE BOARD OF INQUIRY, ALTHOUGH SOME MEMBERS OF US AGENCIES  
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WILL BE PRESENT OBSERVING THE PROCEEDINGS AS MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL POPLAR RIVER WATER QUALITY BOARD.

3. IF EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION, REQUEST REPRESENTATIVE FROM CONGEN WINNIPEG ATTEND HEARINGS AS OBSERVER. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON TRANSBOUNDARY ASPECTS

INCLUDING FOLLOWING AREAS:

A. STATEMENTS MADE BY THE BOARD REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS, INCLUDING THE BOUNDARY WATERS TREATY OF 1909.

B. PRESENTATION OF AND RECEPTION GIVEN US NOTE.

C. FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS AS THEY BEAR UPON THE POPLAR RIVER GENERATING STATION, SPECIFICALLY ANY INDICATION THAT SASKATCHEWAN IS PREPARED TO ACCEDE TO SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR CHANGES IN THE SECOND UNIT AS A RESULT OF FEDERAL PRESSURE.

D. SPC CONSTRUCTION PLANS/SCHEDULE FOR SECOND UNIT.

4. WE ANTICIPATE EXTENSIVE PRESS INTEREST IN THE HEARINGS, AT WHICH THE STATE OF MONTANA IS EXPECTED TO GIVE ITS OWN TESTIMONY. PUBLIC COMMENT ON SECOND UNIT BY DEPARTMENT AND ADDRESSEES SHOULD BE LIMITED TO POSITION TAKEN IN US NOTE OF MARCH 14; THAT CONGEN REP IS PRESENT AT HEARINGS MERELY AS AN OBSERVER; AND THAT USG PLANS NO OTHER STATEMENTS ON THE MATTER BEFORE THE PROVINCIAL BOARD OF INQUIRY.

5. PLEASE CONFIRM AGREEMENT TO AND PLANS FOR CONGEN REPRESENTATION. VANCE  
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